## BZA Packet

October 17, 2022

## Hello All,

Enclosed please find your packet for the meeting of October 17, 2022.

## We have:

- 1 extension request
- 1 carryover
- 3 new cases

If you receive any citizen inquiries regarding these cases the proposed plans may be viewed by going to:
www.mtnbrook.org

- Calendar (upper right corner)
- $\quad$ Board of Zoning Adjustment (Ocotber 17, 2022)
- Meeting Information (for agenda) and Supporting Documents (to view proposed plans and/or survey select link associated with the case number)

If you have any questions about the cases please don't hesitate to give me a call at 802-3811 or send me an email at slatent@mtnbrook.org ...

Looking forward to seeing you on Monday!

## Tyler

Meeting agenda<br>City Of Mountain Brook<br>Board Of Zoning Adjustment<br>October 17, 2022<br>PRE-MEETING: 4:30 P.M.<br>Regular meeting: 5:00 P.M.

# Meeting to be held in person at city hall and virtually using zoom video conferencing <br> (ACCESS INSTRUCTIONS ON MEETING WEBPAGE) 


#### Abstract

NOTICE Any variance which is granted today expires and becomes null and void one year from today unless construction is begun in less than one year from today on the project for which the variance is granted. If construction will not be started within one year from today, the applicant may come back in 11 months and ask for a six-month extension, which the Board normally grants.

Any variance which is granted, regardless of the generality of the language of the motion granting the variance, must be construed in connection with, and limited by, the request of the applicant, including all diagrams, plats, pictures and surveys submitted to this Board before and during the public hearing on the variance application.


1. Approval of Minutes: September 19, 2022

## 2. Case A-21-48: Steven and Frances Nichols (extension)

3. Case A-22-25: Ingrum and Lois Bankston, property owners, request a variance from the terms of the Zoning Regulations allow an addition to a single family dwelling to be 10 feet 7 inches feet from the rear property line (east) in lieu of the required 40 feet, to be 11 feet from the side property line (north) in lieu of the required 15 feet and to allow the building area to be 37 percent in lieu of the maximum building coverage allowed of 25 percent. -2855 Surrey Road (carried over from September 19th meeting)
4. Case A-22-27: Frank and Brandi Dixon, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions to a single family dwelling to be 84.4 feet from the secondary front property line (Caldwell Mill Road) and 88.6 feet from the rear property line (south) both in lieu of the required 100 feet. -2801 Pump House Road
5. Case A-22-28: Cooper and Ashley Killion, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow additions and alterations to a single family dwelling to be as close as 34 feet to the front property line (Williamsburg Circle) in lieu of the required 40 feet. $\mathbf{- 3 8 1 3}$ Williamsburg Circle
6. Case A-22-29: Andrew and Tiffany Linn, property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow a retaining wall to be up to 10 feet in height in the front yard (Michael Lane) in lieu of the maximum allowed wall height of 4 feet. -401 Michael Lane
7. Next Meeting: November 21, 2022
8. Adjournment


Department of Planning, Building \& Sustainability
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213
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www.mtnbrook.org

# BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT MEETING SUMMARY 

| Meeting Date: | October 18, 2021 |
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| Case Number: | A-21-48 |
| Case Address: | 9 Clarendon Road |
| Property Owner(s): | Steven and Frances Nichols <br> francesnichols627@ gmail.com |
| Representative: | Mary Coleman Clark, Architect <br> mcc@ @ccarchitect.com |
| $\underline{\text { Type Request: }}$ | Steven and Frances Nichols property owners, request variances <br> from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow the <br> construction of a new single family dwelling to be 6.39 feet <br> from the side property line (east) in lieu of the required 8 feet <br> for portions of the home below 22 feet in height, and to be 9.34 <br> feet from the side property line (east) in lieu of the required 12 <br> feet for portions above 22 feet in height. 9 Clarendon Road |
| $\underline{\text { Action Taken: }}$ | The Board of Zoning Adjustment approves your variance <br> request as submitted. |
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Tyler Slaten, Planner
City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213
Office 205-802-3811

# Variance Application - Part I 


#### Abstract

Project Data

\section*{9 Clarendon Road, 35213 <br> Address of Subject Property <br> Zoning Classification Residence B-non-conforming <br> Name of Property Owner(s) Frances and Steven Nichols}

Phone Number 205-585-7188 $\qquad$ Email francesnichols627@gmail.com Name of Surveyor Weygand Surveyors Phone Number 205-942-0086_Email ray@weygandsurveyors.com Name of Architect (if applicable) Mary Coleman Clark Architect LLC Phone Number $\qquad$ Email mcc@mccarchitect.com


Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

|  | Zoning Code <br> Requirement | Existing <br> Development | Proposed <br> Development |
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| Lot Area (sf) |  |  |  |
| Lot Width (ft) |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) primary |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) secondary |  | $10.0^{\prime}$ | $6.39^{\prime}$ |
| Right Side Setback | $8.0^{\prime}$ |  |  |
| Left Side Setback |  | $12.0^{\prime}$ |  |
| Right Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: <br> Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ | $12.0^{\prime}$ |  | $9.64^{\prime}$ |
| Left Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: <br> Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Rear Setback (ft) |  |  |  |
| Lot Coverage (\%) |  |  |  |
| Building Height (ft) |  |  |  |
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## A-21-48 Zoning



## A-21-48 Aerial



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# Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment 

## A-21-48

## Petition Summary

Request to allow the construction of a new single family dwelling to be 6.39 feet from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 8 feet for portions of the home below 22 feet in height, and to be 9.34 feet from the side property line (west) in lieu of the required 12 feet for portions above 22 feet in height.

## Scope of Work

The scope of work involves the construction of a new single family dwelling.

## Variance Requests for Side Setback

## Portions of house below 22 feet

For portions of the house that are to be less than 22 feet high, the proposed encroachment is a section approximately 14 feet in length on the west side of the house to be 6.39 feet from the property line (where 8 feet is required). See Proposed Side Elevations (highlighted in yellow).

Portions of house at or above 22 feet
For the portions of the house that are to be 22 feet high or greater, only two sections along the west side of the house are proposed to be 9.34 feet from the property line (where 12 feet is required). See Proposed Side Elevations (highlighted in yellow).

## Hardships

In the Applicant Statement of Hardship, it is noted that the narrowness of the lot is the hardship. The lot is non-conforming with regard to width being 56.5 feet wide at the front setback line and narrowing to 51.26 feet at the rear setback.

Nexus: There is no apparent reasonable relationship between the narrowness of the lot and an inability to construct a home within the required setbacks, since the zoning code already makes provision for the narrowness of the lot by allowing the principal structure to be 8 feet from the side property line.

However, there is a hardship in that the side property line in question is not perpendicular to the front property line, nor is it parallel to the proposed side building façade. This shape is unique and can be said to not apply generally to other lots and in the vicinity.

Nexus: There is a reasonable relationship between the angle of the side property line and the proposed side setback encroachments.

## Possible Findings for Approval:

1. The proposed encroachments are minor in nature and only apply to small sections of the side of the home.
2. The angled shape of the lot is peculiar to this lot; and this circumstance generally applies to other lots in the immediate vicinity;
3. Is in harmony with the spirit and intent of the zoning ordinance (since the proposed encroachments are for small sections of the side façade and are not anticipated to affect the flow of light or air to the adjoining property

## Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

## Affected Regulation

Article IV, Residence B District; Section 129-53, Special Provisions for Non-Conforming Res-B Lots

Appends
LOCATION: 9 Clarendon Road

ZONING DISTRICT: Residence B District
OWNER: Fances and Steven Nichols



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| SITE PLAN |  |
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|  | FRANCES AND STEVEN NICHOLS |
|  | 9 CLARENDON ROAD |
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## A－21－48

September 13， 2021
Dana Hazen
Director of Planning，Building，and Sustainability
City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook，AL 35213

## Variance Application

On behalf of the Owners，Frances and Steven Nichols，enclosed is a variance application for 9 Clarendon Road，Mountain Brook，AL 35213．The scope of the project includes a new residence，as shown in the provided supplemental drawings．

Sincerely，


Mary Coleman Clark

## Variance Application Part II

## Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?
$\qquad$ is 51.25'.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., selfimposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

The Owners would like to construct a new residence and create new driveway access on the left side of the property.
This pushes portions of the right side of the new structure to impede over the 8.0' side setback and 22.0' vertical setback.

How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?

The residence to be demolished is built 4.5' over the left setback. The new structure would be conforming to the left setback. The granting of this variance request for the right side setback should not impede on the neighbor's access to light and air as the majority of the right elevation is in compliance with the zoning code requirements. The chimney structures shown on the site plan are compliant with Section 129.336 of the zoning code.

# MOUNTAIN BROOK BOARD OF ZONING ADJUSTMENT 56 CHURCH STREET MOUNTAIN BROOK, ALABAMA 

## NOTICE TO OWNERS OF ADJACENT PROPERTY

Dear Sir/Madam:
A request for variances from the Zoning Ordinance, as applied to the property located at 9 Clarendon Road, has been filed by Steven and Frances Nichols. The requested variances would allow the construction of a new single family dwelling.

The property is located in the Residence-B Zoning District, and requires approval by the Board of Zoning Adjustment for the following variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations:

Case A-21-48: Steven and Frances Nichols property owners, request variances from the terms of the Zoning Regulations to allow the construction of a new single family dwelling to be 6.39 feet from the side property line (east) in lieu of the required 8 feet for portions of the home below 22 feet in height, and to be 9.34 feet from the side property line (east) in lieu of the required 12 feet for portions above 22 feet in height. - 9 Clarendon Road

A public hearing will be held virtually by the Board of Zoning Adjustment on Monday, October 18, 2021, at 5:00 p.m, using Zoom video conferencing. Please see the webpage detailed below for instructions on how to access this meeting, and allow yourself a few minutes prior to the meeting start time to login due to increased security measures the city has utilized for virtual meetings.

The application and related material are available for inspection by viewing:

## www.mtnbrook.org

- Calendar (upper right corner)
- Board of Zoning Adjustment (October 18, 2021)
- Meeting Information (for agenda) and Supporting Documents (to view proposed plans select link associated with the case number)


## Tyler Slaten

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# Variance Application - Part I 

## Project Data

Address of Subject Property 2855 SURREY ROAD
Zoning Classification RESIDENTIAL PRIVATE
Name of Property Owner(s) LOIS \& INGRUM BANKSTON
Phone Number 205.568.8396_Emailloisowens@me.com
Name of Surveyor SOUTH CENTRAL SURVEVING
Phone Number 205. 229.1993 Email bcallahan0401@charter.net
Name of Architect (if applicable) $N / A$
Phone Number $\qquad$ Email $\qquad$
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Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

|  | Zoning Code <br> Requirement | Existing Development | Proposed Development |
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| Lot Area (sf) |  |  |  |
| Lot Width (ft) |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) primary |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) secondary |  |  |  |
| Right Side Setback |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback | $15^{\prime}$ | $913 \prime$ | 111 |
| Right Side Setback (ft): For non-conforming narrow lots in Res-B or Res-C: Less than $22^{\prime}$ high $\rightarrow$ 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback (ft): For non-conforming narrow lots in Res-B or Res-C: Less than $22^{\prime}$ high $\rightarrow$ 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Rear Setback (ft) | $40^{\prime}$ | $18.6{ }^{\prime}$ | $10^{\prime \prime} 7^{\prime \prime}$ |
| Lot Coverage (\%) | $25 \%$ | $37 \%$ |  |
| Building Height (ft) |  |  |  |
| Other |  |  |  |
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A-22-25 Zoning


## A-22-25 Aerial



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# Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment 

## A-22-25

## Petition Summary

Request to allow an addition to a single family dwelling to be 10 feet 7 inches feet from the rear property line (east) in lieu of the required 40 feet, to be 11 feet from the side property line (north) in lieu of the required 15 feet and to allow the building area to be 37 percent in lieu of the maximum building coverage allowed of 25 percent.

## Background

On August 21, 2017 the Board of Zoning Adjustment voted to approve variance requests for this property to allow additions to an existing single family dwelling to be 13.1 feet from the rear property line (east) in lieu of the required 40 feet, 9.8 feet from the side property line (north) and 12.9 feet from the side property line (south), both in lieu of the required 15 feet, and for the lot coverage to be $33 \%$ in lieu of the maximum allowable $25 \%$.

## Scope of Work

The scope of work entails a proposed storage room addition on the rear of the existing attached garage. The dimensions of the addition would be 18 feet long by 6 feet deep.

## Variance Request for Side and Rear Setback

Nexus: The applicant's stated hardships (narrowness of the lot and angled rear property line) are somewhat related to the requested setback variances.

The approximate average lot size for the surrounding area in this block is 13,861 square feet, the average lot width is 82 feet, and the average lot depth is 169 feet.

The approximate lot size of the subject property is 12,776 square feet, the lot width is 75 feet, and the lot depth is 179 feet.

The lot is not a perfect rectangle with its angled rear lot line, but this angled rear lot line configuration is shared by the majority of lots on this side of Surrey Road.

## Variance Request for Building Coverage

Nexus: Weak. There is no apparent hardship that would justify the proposed building coverage percentage of $37 \%$ in lieu of the maximum allowed of $25 \%$. The lot is fairly close to the average lot size in the surrounding area and does not warrant the $12 \%$ increase over the maximum allowed.

## Potential Findings for Approval:

a. scope of work is minor in nature (in that it is approximately 108 square feet).

## Potential Findings for Denial:

a. excessive number of variances (in that approval of these variances would amount to 6 variances granted for the subject property, which is not unique as to size and shape when compared to the surrounding area)
b. storm water concerns (in that the maximum lot and impervious coverages would significantly exceed the percentages allowed, leading to potential storm water and run-off issues).

## Impervious Area

If the proposed variances are approved, the resulting impervious area would be $68 \%$ of the parcel which exceeds the maximum allowed of $30 \%$. Mitigation measures in accordance with the city's storm water ordinance would have to be employed by the home owner in order for a building permit to be issued.

## Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

## Affected Regulation

Article III, Residence A District; Section 129-34, Area and Dimensional Requirements

## Appends

LOCATION: 2855 Surrey Road
ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District
OWNERS: Lois and Ingrum Bankston


THE SHAPE OF OUR PARCEL is NOT SQUARE AT THE REAR OF THE PROPERTY, WHICH ADDS TO OUR LIMITATIONS


VIEW FROM KUDULIS BACK YARD NEXT DOOR of OUR BACK GHRAGE



VIEW OF REAR OF GEORGE TAYLOR'S BACKYARD/BEHIND US




VIEW of bankston garage


SIDE VIEN OF CLOSET ALREADY BEGUN

Dear Members of the Mountain Brook Zoning Board,
I have lived at 2849 Surrey Road for the past 25 years. We moved here from the Chicago area and loved raising our family in Mountain Brook. One of the benefits of living in this neighborhood has been wonderful neighbors like Lois and Ingrum Bankston. They informed me that they would like to build a storage room at the rear of their property. Everything they have done to their home has been in great taste which beautifies their home and the entire neighborhood. I have no reservations about the construction of this storage space.

Thank you,
Patricia Carey
Retired from Mountain Brook Schools

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August 21, 2022
Attn: Board of Zoning Adjustments City of Mountain Brook City Hall 56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

## Re: 2855 Surrey Road

Dear City of Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustments:
I am writing to support for approval of the construction that has been proposed at the residence of Lois and Ingrum Bankston, at 2855 Surrey Road. The proposed structure will be placed behind their garage and is hidden by a tall brick fence. It will not be visible to any of the surrounding neighbors and therefore should not be a concern for anyone besides the Bankstons.

We have lived next door to the Bankstons for over five years and have witnessed a couple of different projects on their property. Everything the Bankstons have done demonstrates exceptional craftsmanship and complements the existing design. I have no doubt that this upcoming project will be any different.


# Lightfoot 2850 Surrey Road Mountain Brook, Alabama 

## 35223

August 22, 2022
Board of Zoning Adjustment
City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213
Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment:
We are writing to inform you that we live directly across the street from Lois and Ingram Bankston on Surrey Road and do not oppose their building a storage room near the rear of their property.

The Bankstons are wonderful neighbors and any improvement they have ever made to their property has only added to our neighborhood's beauty. I have no doubt that this construction would the same.

Sincerely,


Valerie Y. Lightfoot


Warren B. Lightfoot, Jr.

Joseph E. Welden, Jr., MD
2862 Surrey Road
Birmingham, Alabama 35223

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September 14, 2022
Office (205) $251-3000$
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Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustment burr.com 56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, Alabama 35223
Attn: Mr. Tyler Slaten, City Planner
Re: Case No. A-22-25, Request for Variance to Add to an Existing Non-Conforming Structure at 2855 Surrey Road, Louis and Ingrum Bankston

Ladies and Gentlemen:

The purpose of this letter to is to object to the issuance of a further variance from current Mountain Brook zoning ordinances for the residence located at 2855 Surrey Road. The structure proposed to be added to has already been the subject of a variance request that places it well beyond applicable set back lines and was the subject of hearings in 2017 which scaled back the proposed initial use. Having denied construction on a larger footprint in 2017, the Board should not now permit an addition to this non-conforming structure which places it even further into the rear setback line of the house.

1. Background. My wife, Honey, and I live at 2864 Canterbury Road, which is the house directly behind the residence in question. We are the Mountain Brook residents most affected by this addition. The Surrey Road house was purchased by the Bankstons in 2017. We noticed renovation underway in 2018 and were shocked when a former one-story garage was moved further towards the bank of the property and was then framed up to extend to two-story height. The garage itself was already a non-conforming use in that it sat within the rear set-back area. When we inquired about whether a variance had been obtained, we learned that a hearing has been conducted and a variance approved, all without our knowledge. The Bankstons contend adamantly that a notice of the variance hearing was put in our mailbox. While we do not question their sincerity, we did not receive the notice. Neither did one other neighbor on Canterbury. Our concern for lack of notice does not even take into account the uniform practice of folks in our neighborhood in reaching out in person to neighbors about variance requests so that can questions can be answered and controversies (like this) avoided. The resulting structure not only encroaches upon the setback line but is entirely within the setback area, with the closest point being within 15 feet of the rear property line.
2. Fencing. In the aftermath of the surprise variance, we considered some sort of action to account for our lack of notice but corresponded with the Bankstons and received


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assurances from them that fencing would diminish the impact of the structure. By email dated May 4, 2018, Mrs. Bankston committed to build an 6 to 8 foot fence appropriately painted a mossy green color to blend in with the landscaping. The fence which they eventually constructed was only five feet in height (actually $4^{\prime} 10^{\prime \prime}$ where I measured) and does not comply with Mountain Brook ordinances requiring that its finished side face the exterior. In addition to the unfinished side facing our house, our side is not painted at all. The fence does nothing to diminish the impact of the existing two-story structure.
3. Unpermitted Construction. We were surprised once again by the Bankstons on the weekend of August 13, 2022, when we noticed construction behind our house and saw that they were adding on to the existing non-conforming two-story garage. I asked their contractor if he had a permit and he said I would have to ask the owners. Dr. and Mrs. Bankston came out into the yard, engaged in terse conversation and left the impression that no variance had been requested and no building permit was in place. The building inspector visited the site on the following Monday, August 15, to confirm that construction could not continue.
4. Filing of Variance Request. After our objection and the visit by the building inspector, the Bankstons have submitted a request for a variance, citing the fact that the structure cannot be seen by neighbors and enclosing multiple letters from neighbors attesting to their character as nice people. The application incorrectly states that the structure cannot be seen by any of the neighbors. We have submitted pictures showing the new structure clearly visible from our back yard. The new building merely adds to the mass of the structure occupying what should be an unoccupied building setback area.
4. Lack of Hardship. As I understand it, the procedures that the Board follows require a showing of hardship and a showing that if hardship exists it has not been caused by the applicant. As to the existence of hardship, there is no showing that any aspect of the occupancy and enjoyment of their property will be adversely impacted by your failure to approve the variance. The property includes a two-story garage that must surely obtain room for tool storage. Moreover, there is an obligation on the part of applicants both to take steps to remediate any hardship and to not cause hardship themselves. The structure sought to be built could easily fit on the outside of the opposite side of the two-story garage where it would not encroach further into the setback area (and to which we would not object). To the extent the Bankstons argue that there is no alternative space for their additional storage shed anywhere on the site, that would appear to be the result of their using every other square inch of buildable space on their property for other purposes, something well within their control. Their inability to add 90 square feet of tool storage area within ten feet of the rear property line is not by any definition evidence of hardship.

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5. General Grounds for Denial. The residence in question already has a footprint that far exceeds anything that would be permitted for current construction on that lot. The residents have already received a very generous variance that likely would not be granted under current circumstances. For the Board to permit further expansion of this non-conforming outbuilding is inconsistent with its purpose in promoting orderly growth in Mountain Brook and in preserving property values and sets a bad precedent for other projects in the neighborhood. We encourage the Board to deny this request.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter and for your service to our community.


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Board of Zoning Adjustment
City of Mountain Brook
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, Alabama 35213

Dear Members of the Zoning Adjustment committee,
We would like to request a building permit for an attached storage room at the rear of our property behind our garage, as we are in need of a place to store garden equipment, dry logs, and gardening supplies. Because of the proximity of this proposed closet to our property line, a variance will be required for us to be able to move forward.

The room we would like to construct will be less than 90 square feet, as shown in the attached drawings. Also, as is clearly visible in the attached survey, the shape of our parcel is not square at the rear of our property, which adds to the difficulties we are facing.

The closet we would like to build will not be visible to any of our neighbors on any side. We have contacted our neighbors on the right and the left, along with those across the street, and no one had the slightest reservation to our project. Please see their attached letters of support. Truly, we believe this addition will only add to the attractiveness of our property for any future owner. We have done everything we possible could to make our home beautiful, both inside and out, for our neighborhood. Indeed, we would never want to do anything to cause any problem for any of our neighbors.

The storage closet would not need electricity, plumbing, gas, or HVAC. The proposed height of the roof would cover an existing exterior light, which would provide sufficient lighting for the interior of the closet. The interior of the room would consist only of painted plywood and shelves. There is an existing barn door in our garage to the outside, which would serve as the door to the closet from the garage. The roof of the closet would be metal, matching the roof over our loggia and over our grill. We plan to use masonry board on the exterior and paint it the color of the house and garage. There would be a three-foot-deep cubby at one end to hide our garbage cans.

At one end of the proposed structure, the closet would be 12 feet from the property line, and 9 feet at the other, because of the shape of our lot. We have an existing retaining wall and privacy fence above it at the rear of our property for privacy for our neighbors behind us. I would like to add that there is a 12 foot utility easement behind that wall which we believe would add an extra layer of distance. At any rate, the room would not be visible to our neighbors to our rear.

We understand that there are water issues in Mountain Brook and have installed French drains in that area to insure there is no water problem. We have never had a water issue back there. Please see the attached photos of our yard, driveway, and garage. We believe this closet would be a very helpful and attractive addition to our property.

Thank you very much for any consideration you might give our request.
Sincerely yours,


## Variance Application Part II

## Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?
We would like to add a storage room/closet to the back of our garage at the rear of our property. In addition to the fact that our lots are rather narrow, the shape of our parcel at the rear of our property is not square, making it more difficult to stay near setbacks at both rear corners of our proposed closet/steshed.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (ie., selfimposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")
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How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?
We need a covered space to hold garden, maintenance equipment, log It is our belief that such a closet would be very attractive and useful to any future homeowner of our property. Additionally, we would like to conceal our garbage cans, which would add to the attractiveness of the property. We are very intent to enhance our neighbor hood. This room is not visible to us or Any of our other neighbors. Total square footage is less than 90 square feet.

# Variance Application - Part I 

## Project Data

Address of Subject Property 2801 Pump House Road
Zoning Classification Estate Residence District
Name of Property Owner(s) Frank and Brandi Dixon
Phone Number 205-238-0117 Email frankdixon@gmail.com
Name of Surveyor Weygand Surveyors
Phone Number 205-942-0086 Email $\qquad$
Name of Architect (if applicable) A Home Sweet Home Design (Designer)
Phone Number 205-243-9701 Email AHAHDBCG@Gmail.com
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing
Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

|  | Zoning Code <br> Requirement | Existing <br> Development | Proposed <br> Development |
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| Lot Area (sf) |  | 106574 | 106574 |
| Lot Width (ft) |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) primary |  | 85.3 | 84.4 |
| Front Setback (ft) secondary | 100 |  |  |
| Right Side Setback |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback |  |  |  |
| Right Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: |  |  |  |
| Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: <br> Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  | $16 \%$ | 80 |
| Rear Setback (ft) |  |  |  |

A-22-27 Zoning


## A-22-27 Aerial



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## Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment

A-22-27

## Petition Summary

Request to allow additions to a single family dwelling to be 84.4 feet from the secondary front property line (Caldwell Mill Road) and 88.6 feet from the rear property line (south) both in lieu of the required 100 feet.

## Scope of Work

The scope of work entails a proposed multi story addition to the rear of the existing single family dwelling.

## Variance Request for Secondary Front and Rear Setback

Nexus: The hardships of the corner lot configuration and existing design constraint of the current non-conforming home are related to the encroachment requests. This estate district lot has three required setbacks of 100 feet which reduces the buildable area of the lot. The existing home is non-conforming with regard to the setback along the secondary front at 85.3 feet from the property line.

## Potential Findings for Approval:

a. Would not be detrimental to the streetscape along the secondary front (in that it would only increase the existing encroachment by 0.9 feet in depth).

## Potential Findings for Denial:

a. Large multi-story encroachment (in that approval of these variances would allow a substantial increase of square footage and multi-story mass to be located in the setbacks).

## Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

## Affected Regulation

Article VI, Estate Residence District; Section 129-72, Area and Dimensional Requirements

## Appends

LOCATION: 2801 Pump House Road
ZONING DISTRICT: Estate Residence District
OWNERS: Frank and Brandi Dixon









## Variance Application Part II

## Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?

## SEE ATTACHED

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Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., selfimposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

## SEE ATTACHED

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How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?

SEE ATTACHED

We are the new homeowners of 2801 Pump House Road, which is on the corner of Pump House Road and Caldwell Mill Road. We are seeking a variance to construct an additional garage alongside the existing garage facing Caldwell Mill Road and to increase the living space to accommodate our family and future guests to our home. We have been blessed with a rather large set of children - eight, to be precise - ranging from teenagers down to an 8-month-old, and it is our desire for this house to be a blessing not only to them but to the broader community around us that we are able to welcome in!

Question \#1 (Special Circumstances): Corner lot wedged within two roads forming a sharply acute angle produces an irregular-shaped lot with double frontage configuration (two 100-foot front setbacks and 100 -foot back setback). Existing structure is already non-conforming (built within the setback).

Question \#2 (Condition Cause): No, the conditions from which relief is being sought are not a result of applicant's actions.

Question \#3 (Consistency with purpose and intent of Zoning Regulations): We believe that the granting of this variance would contribute favorably to the feel and appearance of the neighborhood, as it would remove cars from being parked outside in a driveway right up close to (and visible to) Caldwell Mill and move them into a second garage that is placed right alongside the existing garage. With all of the traffic along that corner intersection, we believe this will benefit the streetscape and reflect favorably for all in the community by reducing the appearance of "car clutter" from that busy portion of road. The setback of the proposed addition does not materially extend beyond the existing structure ( 84.4 feet vs. 85.3 feet) on the front setback and does not encroach upon or impair the supply of light or air to the adjacent property to the rear setback.

We humbly thank you for your consideration and are very happy to provide any additional information that would be helpful for your consideration.

## Thank you so much!

Designatédyréepresentative for Dixon Family,
Michael J. Roberts
Pręsident, Roberts Building Group, Inc.

# Variance Application - Part I 


#### Abstract

Project Data Address of Subject Property 3 BI3 WILLIAMSBURA CIRCle Zoning Classification RESIDGNGE 'A' Name of Property Owners) ASHley t COOPER Killiond Phone Number 205.441 .4733 Email ckillion e shookand fletcher. om


Name of Surveyor CARL DANIEL MOORE
Phone Number 205.991.8965 Email dznnymoore essi-ala.com
Name of Architect (if applicable) MATTHEW V. COSTON20, ARCHITCUT
Phone Number 205.266. 2825 Email matt ce mucarchitect.com
Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing
Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance requests):


A-22-28 Zoning


Residence A District

## A-22-28 Aerial



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# Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment 

## A-22-28

## Petition Summary

Request to allow additions and alterations to a single family dwelling to be as close as 34 feet to the front property line (Williamsburg Circle) in lieu of the required 40 feet.

## Scope of Work

The scope of work entails a new $2^{\text {nd }}$ story and alterations to the existing single family dwelling.

## Variance Request for Front Setback

Nexus: The hardships in this case of the unusual lot shape and existing design constraints are related to the requested front setback variance.

Possible Findings for Approval: The proposed changes to the existing home include the addition of a second story and changes to the existing roofline. The second story will be outside of the setback and the footprint of the structure will not change as it relates to the front setback encroachment. The proposed changes located in the setback to the single story roofline will be at a similar height to what is currently there.

## It is anticipated that an approval of such variance:

a. Will not be detrimental to the streetscape (the proposed additions and alterations will not encroach closer to the property line than the existing structure and only affects three small areas of the structure).

## Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

## Affected Regulation

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Appends

LOCATION: 3813 Williamsburg Circle
ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District
OWNERS: Ashley and Cooper Killion


STATE OF ALABAMA
JEFFERSON COUNTY
I, Carl Daniel Moore, a registered Land Surveyor, certify that I have surveyed Lot 5, WILLIAMSBURG CIRCLE as recorded in Map Book 64, Page 55 in the Office of the Judge of Probate, Jefferson County, Alabama; that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the current requirements of the Standards of Practice for Surveying in the State of Alabama to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief; that the correct address is as follows: 3813 Williamsburg Circle according to my survey of May 20, 2022 . Survey is not valid unless it is sealed with embossed seal or stamped in red.

Order No. 889059
Purchaser: Kranzusch
Type of Survey: Property Boundary


SURVEYING SOLUTIONS, INC.
2232 CAHABA VALLEY DRIVE SUITE M
BIRMINGHAM, AL 35242
PHONE: 205-991-8965

## Carl Daniel Moore

| Carl Daniel Moore, Reg. L.S. \#12159 |
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| $\overline{\text { Date of Signature }}$ |

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MATTHEWV. COSTANZO
ARCHITECT
$09-20-22$


Existing Photo - Killion Residence

4425 Kennesaw drive * Birmingham, alabama 35213 205-266-2825



NOTE: Areas marked with red are the areas that are requested to be modified as part of the variance request
$\underline{\text { Proposed Front Elevation - Killion Residence }}$

## Variance Application Part II

## Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topography, location or surroundings)?
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APPLYING TO THIS LOT.
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MATTHEW V. COSTANZO
ARCHITECT

September 20, 2022

Mountain Brook Board of Zoning Adjustment
56 Church Street
Mountain Brook, AL 35213
Board Members:
This letter, written on behalf of Mr. and Mrs. Cooper Killion, is a request for a variance to construct new single-story roof structures on areas of the existing house that are currently located beyond the required setback lines. The property is located at 3813 Williamsburg Circle.

The property, which is zoned Residence A, has required front setback of 40.0 feet from the property line. Due to the unique shape of the lot, the current residence extends beyond the front setback in a few locations with 34.0 feet being the closest corner to the property line. A variance is requested to allow construction of new single-story roofs in the areas that currently sit beyond the required setback. The new roof construction will be part of a larger renovation project and the height of the new single-story roofs will be similar in height to what currently exists. The new additions to the existing home will meet all required zoning requirements, and no other variance is requested at this time.

We appreciate your assistance in this matter.

Sincerely,

## HawCon

Matthew V. Costanzo
Registered Architect, AL \#8888


## Variance Application - Part I

## Project Data

Address of Subject Property 401 MICHAEL LANE
Zoning Classification RESIDENTIAL
Name of Property Owner(s) ANDREW AND II FFANY LINN
Phone Number 205-837-8306 Email ALinn southlandtransportation gruvp Name of Surveyor JACKINS BUTLER ADAMS INC.
Phone Number 205-870-3390 Email bbsurve bellsouth. net
Name of Architect (if applicable) SMELCER DESFGN
Phone Number 205-229-3835 Email DJSMELCER E YAHOO.COM
区) Property owner or representative agent must be present at hearing

Please fill in only applicable project information (relating directly to the variance request(s):

|  | Zoning Code <br> Requirement | Existing <br> Development | Proposed <br> Development |
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| Lot Area (sf) |  |  |  |
| Lot Width (ft) |  |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) primary | HO FT |  |  |
| Front Setback (ft) secondary |  |  |  |
| Right Side Setback |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback |  |  |  |
| Right Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: |  |  |  |
| Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Left Side Setback (ft): <br> For non-conforming narrow <br> lots in Res-B or Res-C: |  |  |  |
| Less than 22' high $\rightarrow$ <br> 22' high or greater $\rightarrow$ |  |  |  |
| Rear Setback (ft) |  |  |  |
| Lot Coverage (\%) |  |  |  |
| Building Height (ft) |  |  |  |
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A-22-29 Zoning



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# Report to the Board of Zoning Adjustment 

A-22-29

## Petition Summary

Request to allow a retaining wall to be up to 10 feet in height in the front yard (Michael Lane) in lieu of the maximum allowed wall height of 4 feet.

## Background

During an erosion control maintenance inspection of this construction site in August 2022, the wall in question was first noted by the city's Inspections Department. This wall was not a part of the permit submittal for construction, and to date no plan has been submitted to the city's Building Official related to the wall. The city has no documentation or engineered drawings for this structure.

## Scope of Work

The scope of work for this site entails a proposed new single family dwelling with a front retaining wall.

## Variance Request for Retaining Wall Height in Front Yard

Nexus: The applicant stated that the slope of the lot made the retaining wall necessary to facilitate the front drive access and to create a usable functional front yards. While it appears true that there is a grade change from the back to the front of the property, it seems as though the desire to create a functional front yard is driving the request for the variance more so than the need for driveway access.

## It is anticipated that an approval of such variance:

a. Could be detrimental to the streetscape (due to the massing and height)

## Impervious Area

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Subject Property and Surrounding Land Uses

The property contains a single-family dwelling, and is surrounded by same.

## Affected Regulation

The proposal is in compliance with the allowable impervious surface area.

## Appends

LOCATION: 401 Michael Lane
ZONING DISTRICT: Residence A District
OWNERS: Andrew and Tiffany Linn


Notes:

1. Date of Field Work $=$ October 8, 2021;
2. Area of Lot $6=0.38$ Acres
3. Site is Zoned Residence A District, per Mountain Brook Zoning Map; Setbacks: Front=40'; Rear=40'; Side=15'; Maximum Building Area $=25$ percent of Total Area;
4. Date of Foundation Survey $=$ July 19, 2022;

CERTIFICATE
I hereby state that all parts of this survey and drawing have been completed in accordance with the Standards of Practice for Land Surveying in the State of Alabama accordance with the Standards of Practice for Land Sur
to the best of my knowledge, information, and belief.



FOUNDATION SURVEY
Lot 6, Donna Lynn Estates
Mapbook 38, Page 8, Judge of Probate Office, Jefferson County, Alabama Scale: 1 Inch = 30 Feet July, 2022


## Google Maps

## 401 Michael Ln



Mountain Brook, Alabama
Google
Street View - Mar 2022





## Variance Application Part II

## Required Findings (Sec. 129-455 of the Zoning Ordinance)

To aid staff in determining that the required hardship findings can be made in this particular case, please answer the following questions with regard to your request. These findings must be made by the Board of Zoning Adjustment in order for a variance to be granted (please attach a separate sheet if necessary).

What special circumstances or conditions, applying to the building or land in question, are peculiar to such building or land, and do not apply generally to other buildings or land in the vicinity (including size, shape, topographv. location or surroundings)?
DUE TO THE SEVERG SLOPE QF THE LOT A RETAINING WALL TALLER THAN 4 FEET IS REQUIRED TO FASCILITATE THE FRONT DRIVE WAY ACCESS TO THE FRONT PARFING PAD AND TO CREATE A USABLE AND FUNCTIONABLE FRONT YARD.

Was the condition from which relief is sought a result of action by the applicant? (i.e., selfimposed hardship such as: "...converted existing garage to living space and am now seeking a variance to construct a new garage in a required setback...")

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How would the granting of this variance be consistent with the purpose and intent of the Zoning Regulations?
IT WOULD ALLOW A RETALNiNG wAL TO BE BUILT FOR A DRIVEWAY AND USABLE FRONT YARD.

Dear Board of Zoning Adjustment,

Due to the hardships imposed by the shape and topographic nature of our lot, we are requesting your approval of a retaining wall that exceeds the height restriction of 4 ft . Said retaining wall is necessary to ensure access to our front door from our driveway, to accommodate handicap accessibility and also to create a useable and functional front yard. We appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,
Andrew and Tiffany Linn
Homeowners
401 Michael Lane
Mountain Brook, AL 35213

